



only one solution

NINE TO FIVE SUIT AND TIE SAVING AND SPENDING NO TIME FOR LIFE MANUAL LABOR ACHING BONES SORE AND TIRED WHEN YOU COME HOME SYSTEM OF COMPETITION LIFE IN CHAINS YOU HAD NO CHOICE YOU WERE TOLD THERE WAS NO OTHER WAY LAB-RAT GAMBLING TO SURVIVE ~~XXX~~ SELLING MY BODY TO MEDICAL SCIENCE OR ~~XSUR~~ VIVING ON FRAUD FOR NUMBERED DAYS OR OUT IN THE COLD OUT IN THE RAIN SYSTEM OF COMPETITION HELL ON EARTH I HAD NO CHOICE WE WERE FUCKED FROM BIRTH BURN IT TO THE ~~KKKKK~~ FUCKING GROUND AND START AGAIN

last laugh

NICE FOOD NICE CLOTHES NICE SHOES NICE WIFE
PULL YR KIDS CLOSE AS YOU PASS ME BY YR THE
KIND IN HIGH SCHOOL TOLD ME TAKE A BATH NOW
YOU CALL THE COPS WHEN I PICK THROUGH YR
TRASH AND I LAUGH ALL YR WEALTH AND POSSES-
SIONS ARE WORTH NOTHING YR GOOD AT THE GAME
I WON'T PARTICIPATE I DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS
ATTRACTION THAT YOU HAVE TO EMPTINESS I
REMEMBER BACK IN THE DAY AFTER SCHOOL JOB
AND YOU GOT GOOD GRADES ONE DAY YR ARTERIES
WILL CLOG AND ALL YR STOCKS WILL CRASH I'LL
WATCH THEM TAKE YR XXX S.U.V. AS YR BANK
ACCOUNTS COLLAPSE AND I'LL LAUGH

I AM AN ANARCHIST

TOMORROW WILL NEVER MEAN ANYTHING BUT A DEPOSITORY FOR DEAD HOPES AND DREAMS AND THE FUTURE WILL BRING US NOTHING UNLESS WE START TO LIVE TODAY MY DREAMS WILL BE MY ONLY PRIORITY AND I'LL BUILD THEM UPON THE SHATTERED REMAINS OF THIS PLACE WHERE WE'VE STOOD DUMBFOUNDED SINCE THEY CRUSHED THE DREAMLAND WHERE WE USED TO PLAY IN NOD THE WANDERING LANDS WE LIE IN WAIT TO CRASH THE GATES OF HEAVEN TO TAKE BACK OUR FUCKING WINGS AND SLASH THE THROATS OF ALL THEIR GODS RISK EVERYTHING LIVE FOR TODAY LET IT BE KNOWN WE WILL NO LONGER WAIT FOR THAT FAR AWAY AND OFF-WRITTEN DAY WHEN HEAVEN'S WEALTH AND GLORY WILL RETURN TO THE HANDS OF THE MEEK OLD WORDS GIVE US NO SECURITY SO WE TAKE TODAY WHAT TOMORROW NEVER BRINGS BURN THE SCRIPTURES ALONG WITH THE CHURCHES AND CAST OFF OUR BURDENSOME CHAINS DREAM WITH OUR EYES WIDE OPEN OUR HEARTS OUR ONLY GUIDES LIVE WITH OUR HEARS WIDE OPEN & BECAUSE SOMEDAY WE'RE ~~XXX~~ GOING TO DIE YOU WON'T LIVE FOREVER

a vicious cycle broken

FOR YEARS AND YEARS I TRIED TO DISENGAGE
THE FEELINGS IN MY HEART THE THOUGHTS IN MY
BRAIN I NEVER WANTED IT TO BE THIS WAY FOR
YEARS AND YEARS THEY FUCKING INGRAINED I
TRIED TO BREAK THESE CHAINS I HATE MY BODY
I DON'T LOOK LIKE THE GIRLS/BOYS IN THE
MAGAZINES I HATE MYSELF I'LL NEVER BE WHAT
MY MOTHER/FATHER WANTED ME TO BE HOW DO YOU
THINK IT FEELS TO NEVER ~~B~~ LOOK GOOD ENOUGH
TO NEVER BE SMART ENOUGH TO NEVER BE TOUGH
ENOUGH TO NEVER BE STRAIGHT ENOUGH I KNOW
YOU KNOW WE ALL KNOW FOR YEARS AND YEARS
THEY FUCKING INGRAINED I'VE BEEN FIGHTING
HARD THIS WAR IN MY BRAIN IT'LL NEVER BE
THAT WAY AGAIN TWENTY-THREE YEARS OF POISON-
ING MY HEAD I'VE DISENGAGED I'VE MANAGED TO
BREAK THESE CHAINS I LOVE MY BODY BEAUTY IS
WHATEVER I SEE IT AS AND I LOVE MYSELF I
DIDN'T TURN OUT SO BAD



diary of an endangered species

I WATCH THE PEOPLE AROUND ME GO BLIND
GIVE UP AND GROW UP FORGET WHY THEY'RE
ALIVE SOMETIMES I SHAKE MY HEAD AND WONDER
WHY LOST IN THE SILENCE OF THE ~~MY~~ BUSY
STREETS STOPPED ASKING FOR MORE AND AC-
CEPTED DEFEAT WHY I DON'T KNOW IN A BLACK
SLEEP I FOLLOWED THE FOOLS GAVE UP ALL
HOPE AND ACCEPTED THE RULES BUT I AWOKE IN
A SWEAT AND ASKED WHY I KNOW I CAN SAVE
ONLY MYSELF BUT I PRAY YOU'LL STAY BY ME
AND GIVE ME HELP PLEASE DON'T GO

we are all guilty

HE PULLS HER FROM THE CAGE AS ~~SS~~SHE SCREAMS
HE BINDS HER BODY ANOTHER HELPLESS ANIMAL
POISONED CUT OPEN AND BURNED MACHINES IN
THE DISTANCE DESTROY A 2000 YEAR OLD FOREST
ANOTHER DAY HOW MANY SPECIES NEVER TO RE-
TURN? THE PUPPY TREMBLES A TUBE DOWN HER
THROAT WHEN THEY'RE DONE THEY'LL THROW HER
AWAY IS HER LIFE WORTH NOTHING? THIS HAPPENS
EVERY SINGLE FUCKING DAY THE EARTH TREMBLES
AS ANOTHER TREE FALLS HOW MANY LIVES WERE
JUST THROWN AWAY? ALL IN THE NAME OF HUMAN
PROGRESS I THINK ABOUT IT EVERY FUCKING DAY
I'M PART~~X~~ OF THE DESTRUCTION AND IT HANGS ON
MY HEART LIKE A WEIGHT I CAN'T STAND THIS
WAY OF LIFE BUT STILL I PARTICIPATE I CAN
TRY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE TRY TO MAKE MY
LIFE A FORCE FOR CHANGE THERE'S NO SIMPLE
SOLUTION THERE'S NO EASY PATH TO ~~TX~~ TAKE

fertilizer


MILES AND MILES SUFFOCATED BY CONCRETE
MORE MACDONALDS EXXON STARBUCKS AND MACY'S
THOUSANDS OF POUNDS OF MORE TRASH EVERYDAY
AND MY FRIENDS SIT IN TREES THEY CUT DOWN
ANYWAY WE ALL KNOW WHAT'S IN STORE FOR
MANKIND AND THIS FRAGILE EARTH AND THERE'S
NO TURNING BACK IMAGINE A WORLD WHERE CREA-
TURES ROAM FREE AND PLAY AND EROSION IS
ROTTING OUR CITIES AWAY JUST AS THE WEEDS
GROW THROUGH THE CRACKS IN THE CONCRETE
OUT OF MY CARCASS THERE WILL GROW FUCKING
DAISIES WE ALL KNOW WHAT'S IN STORE FOR
MANKIND AND THIS FRAGILE EARTH AND THERE'S
NO TURNING BACK WE'VE ALL DONE OUR PART
THE HOUR GLASS IS RUNNING OUT AND THERE'S
NO TURNING BACK WE WERE BORN INTO THIS
EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US THE EARTH WAS ON IT'S
LAST LEG WHEN I TOOK MY FIRST BREATH NOW
THERE'S NO TURNING BACK LEST WE SHOULD
KILL EVERYONE AND DESTROY THE HUMAN
RACE A SOLUTION I CAN'T FACE I CAN'T FACE

VENGEANCE IS YOURS

LATE ONE NIGHT A KID NAMED GIL WAS DRIVING HOME FROM A FRIEND'S HOUSE HE WAS SOBER BUT ~~HE~~ HE CRASHED HIS CAR HE FREED HIMSELF FROM THE WRECK TO SEARCH FOR HELP AND DEPUTY GORDY CAME AND SHOT HIM FUCKING DEAD SWINE WE GIVE THEM THE POWER TO DECIDE WHAT'S WRONG OR RIGHT MURDERERS RUTHLESS RULERS OF DAY AND NIGHT AND THEY KILL OUR CHILDREN JESSI AND BUTCH OUR LOVE AND RAGE GO OUT TO YOU AND WE'LL NEVER FORGET THE HORROR THEY'VE PUT YOU THROUGH GUILT AND SHAME WILL FOLLOW GORDY TO THE EDGE OF THE EARTH AND VENGEANCE IS YOURS' NO REST FOR RACIST MURDERERS ~~XX~~ SWINE WE GIVE THEM THE POWER TO DECIDE WHAT'S WRONG OR RIGHT MURDERERS RACIST RULERS OF DAY AND NIGHT AND THEY'LL KILL YOUR CHILDREN PAYING TAXES GIVES~~X~~ THEM THE RIGHT TO KILL OUR CHILDREN ~~XXXX~~ POLICE ARE THE RACIST HITMEN OF CAPITALISM

wading through debris

WE EMERGED FROM THE WASTELAND TO START ALL
OVER AGAIN AS THE SMOKE CLEARED THEIR DEAD
STARES REFLECTED THE BEAUTY OF DESTRUCTION
I SHED NOT A TEAR AS THEY BURNED IN THE
WRECKAGE WE REJOICED DANCED AND MADE LOVE
IN THE SHADOWS OF THE BUILDINGS TOPPLING
OVER AS THE STATUES CRUMBLE AND THE CARS
ARE ON FIRE PRODUCTION HAS STOPPED IN THIS
WANING HOUR YOU BET WE WON'T EVER FORGET
THE DAMAGE WE'D DONE PARASITES WE'RE
MOTHER-FUCKING PARASITES AS MANKIND SPREAD
ACROSS THE EARTH LIKE FUCKING CANCER SO
WILL WE TRAMPLE THROUGH HIS CITIES LEAVING
A PATH OF TOTAL DESTRUCTION IN OUR WAKE A
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